16. Penalty.

Any person who asserts a false claim under the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 or one year imprisonment or both, and shall further forfeit any benefit received and shall reimburse and repay the State for payments received or paid on his behalf pursuant to any of the provisions hereunder.

17.

Where any person is convicted after July 1, 1968, of any offense CRIME by any judge, or trial magistrate, with criminal jurisdiction, there shall be imposed as additional cost, in the case, in addition to any other costs required to be imposed by law, the sum of five dollars (\$5). All such sums shall be paid over to the Comptroller of the State to be deposited in the General Funds of the State. UNDER NO CONDITION SHALL A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BE HELD LIABLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THIS SUM OF FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00). "Offense" CRIME as used in this subsection does not include motor vehicle violations or violations of Article 66 of this Code.

- Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there is hereby appropriated for the administration of this Act the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).
- SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THERE SHALL BE AN AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO COVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ACT.
- SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That if any provision of this Article or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Article and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.
- SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 456

(Senate Bill 6)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 29 to 34, inclusive, of Article 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Comptroller," subtitle "State Auditor"; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 40 and 41 of said Article 19, subtitle "Uniform System of Accounts"; to change the designation of the subtitle "Department of Legislative Reference and Fiscal Research Bureau" in Article 40 of said Code (1967 Supplement), title "General Assembly"; to repeal Sections 54 to